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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

February 10, 2020

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
EPA Docket Center, Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2019-0178
Mail Code 28221T
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20460

Re: National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Ethylene Oxide Commercial Sterilization and Fumigation Operations, Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2019-0178

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) appreciates the opportunity to respond to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) request for comments in the notice published in the December 12, 2019 edition of the Federal Register (FR) entitled: "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Ethylene Oxide Commercial Sterilization and Fumigation Operations."

TCEQ requests EPA consideration of the TCEQ's revised Ethylene Oxide Carcinogenic Dose-Response Assessment Development Support Document (DSD) which is undergoing final TCEQ review. TCEQ's proposed DSD has been revised in response to extensive public comments received on the June 2019 draft Ethylene Oxide DSD. Upon concluding the agency's review, the TCEQ will make the revised draft DSD and response to comments publicly available. In addition, the revised drafted Ethylene Oxide DSD is currently undergoing an independent expert peer review.

If you have any questions concerning the enclosed documents, please contact Allison Jenkins, Toxicology, Risk Assessment, and Research Division, Office of the Executive Director, at 512-239-0656 or allison.jenkins@tceq.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Baker", written over a horizontal line.

Toby Baker
Executive Director